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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer

Mourning the Death of a former Arizona Adjutant General

"This is a sad day for Arizona, as we mourn the passing of Maj. Gen. Don L. Owens. Maj. Gen. Owens served our State and Nation for 45 years, including a decade of honorable service as Arizona's Adjutant General and Director of the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs. He will be remembered as a hero in every sense of the word.

"A native of Phoenix, Maj. Gen. Owens joined the Arizona Air National Guard as a private in 1952. During his career, he served as Commanding General of the Arizona Air National Guard and Commander of the 161st Air Refueling Group, among other positions. He was named Adjutant General in 1983, and faithfully served in this role until his retirement in 1994. Maj. Gen. Owens was inducted into the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame in 2010.

"For his committed service to the State of Arizona and to the United States of America, we are eternally indebted to Maj. Gen. Owens. Please join me in offering a prayer for his family, friends and fellow servicemen and women, each of whom deserves our gratitude and respect.

"In tribute to Maj. Gen. Don L. Owens, I order that flags be lowered to half-staff on the date of his interment, which is pending."

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